



***Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Perkins –
12th Combat Aviation Brigade command sergeant major***

Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Perkins entered military service in March of 1983 as Military Police in the Army Reserve with Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. In June of 1986, he enlisted in the active army as a Utility Helicopter repairman and graduated AIT as the Distinguished Honor Graduate at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

His duty assignments include 78th Aviation Battalion Camp Zama, Japan, where he served as a phase team member, crew chief and phase team leader. During that time he was promoted to Sergeant and completed Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. At Fort Eustis, Virginia, he was assigned to the Maintenance Test Pilot (MTP) Course Flight Detachment and later Flight Concepts Division. During this tour, he completed Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, (BNCOC) Advanced NCO Course (ANCOC) and the Aviation Life Support Equipment (ALSE) course as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of each course. While there, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and served as a flight section sergeant and phase team leader. His next assignment was to OPTEC with duty at Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana Operational Threat Support Activity (OTSA). There he served as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for the Soviet aircraft program for OTSA at JRTC and the Detachment noncommissioned officer in charge and Commander. During this time he was promoted to Sergeant First Class. He was then assigned to the 4th Brigade 1st Infantry Division, Katterbach, Germany, where he was promoted and assigned as a First Sergeant in Charlie Company 2-1 Aviation Regiment. He graduated the First Sergeant Course via VTC at Vilseck, Germany. He PCSed to 12th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, Geiblestadt, Germany, where he was assigned as a First Sergeant to the Bravo and Delta Companies of 3-158 Aviation Regiment and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom I. During this assignment he was selected for promotion to Sergeant Major. He then attended Class 54 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas, and upon graduation was appointed to Command Sergeant Major and assigned to 4-3 Aviation Regiment (ASSAULT), 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. While with 4-3 AVN he deployed to OIF III and moved the BN from Fort Campbell to Hunter Army Airfield upon redeployment and then deployed again to OIF V as part of the “Surge” of forces. Subsequently, he was selected to serve as the Command Sergeant Major for 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Katterbach, Germany, where the Brigade headquarters and ASB were deployed as a Task Force to OIF 10-12 in Tallil Iraq, while the other battalions deployed on alternate time lines to different locations.

He has an Associate's degree in Engineering Graphics and is six semester hours from completing the requirements for a Bachelor's degree. CSM Perkins has also earned an FAA A&P license.

His awards and decorations include; Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Master Aviation Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge and Parachutist Badge.